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a better knowledge of the methods of growing hibuscus and producing new varieties, and it is to be hoped that a large membership will result in the production of a great many desireable flowers, and an ultimate wide distribution and planting throughout the city. Such extensive plantings would add so materially to the attractiveness and beauty of our city that there is a possibility of Honolulu being as well known through its hibiscus as Japan is through its cherry blossoms and chrysanthemums. Five or ten acres of park are carefully planted with thousands of varieties of beautiful hibiscus, and brought up to a high state of cultivation, would be one of the botanical wonders of the world. Speaking of thousands is speaking advisedly, for, from the twenty or thirty varieties introduced, and the native varieties, three or four years production by cross-pollination has increased the number to over a thousand, and many of the new varieties are vastly superior to the original parents.

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The simplicity of the methods employed is not generally known and the possibility of the results to be obtained not realized by the average garden worker, and we have therefore undertaken to illustrate some of these methods and the results in such a way that interests may be promoted and the work furthered.

The hibiscus belongs to the mallow family which includes the Hawaiian hau, the illima, the large group of mallows, the common vegetable okra, the cotton plant and the Roselle or H. sabdariffa. They are all well worth considering as many of the flowers and

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